

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 14

March 31, 2009

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ON MARCH 31, 2009

SUBJECT: SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT AS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR -  
PROHIBITED

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Order is to prohibit all employees from engaging in secondary employment as a private investigator and to define the procedure and obligations for employees who are now so employed.

A private investigator is a person who gathers confidential information and conducts an investigation for an individual, company or other entity. The Department has determined that employment as a private investigator is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with or inimical to duties as an employee of the Los Angeles Police Department or with the duties, functions or responsibilities of the Los Angeles Police Department. Therefore, Department employees shall not engage in secondary employment as a private investigator. Additionally, employees shall divest themselves of all financial interests in any private investigative business.

PROCEDURE:

- I. **EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** Employees shall discontinue their secondary employment as a private investigator and shall divest themselves of all financial interests in any private investigative business.

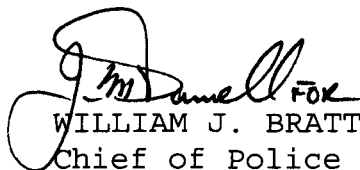
**Exception:** An employee working for (or as) a private investigator conducting traffic collision, during reconstruction investigations only, will not be prohibited from such work under this policy. However, other pre-existing work permits that were approved on the Permit for Outside Employment, Form 01.47.00, involving investigative services will expire six months from the date of this Order.

- II. **COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** Commanding officers shall regularly examine work permit records and verify compliance with this Order. Commanding officers **shall not** approve or renew any Permit for Outside Employment forms related to a private investigator.

III. **COMMANDING OFFICER, PERSONNEL GROUP'S RESPONSIBILITY.** The Commanding Officer, Personnel Group, shall examine all work permit applications for approval or denial.

**AMENDMENT:** This Order adds Section 1/270.35 to the Department Manual.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commanding Officer, Personnel Group, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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